In addition Assam, Manipur and Tripura which are covered under tribal Sub-Plan receive monetary assistance for tribal children and parents in the shape of scholarships, stipends, mid-day meals, hostel facilities, free text-books and stationery, uniforms, compensation of parents, etc. During the period 1980—85, these States received the following special Central assistance for educational schemes under Tribal Sub-Plan:—

(Rupees in crores)

Assam	0.70
Manipur	2.36
Tripura	0.79

Course conducted by D.M.E.T.

2483. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Electro-technology and Naval Architecture are prescribed as subjects for a degree course of the Marine Engineering College known as the Directorate of Marine Engineering Training;

(b) whether it is a fact that graduates from this institution, after a specified period of active sea service are required to qualify in the same subjects in 2nd Class Part B and 1st Class Part B examinations conducted by the Mercantile Marine Department;

(c) what is the rational behind subjecting qualified and trained Marine Engineers of D.M.E.T. to double tests in the same subjects;

(d) whether Government are aware that in some foreign countries like U.K. such graduates are not required to re-appear in the same subjects at any subsequent examination;

(e) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to dispense with the requirement of appearance of D.M.E.T. engineers at the examinations conducted by M.M.D.; and

(f) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Electro-technology and Naval Architecture are prescribed subjects for graduation certificate course of Marine Engineering College known as Directorate of Marine Engineering Training. This certificate is equivalent to a degree in marine engineering.

(b) Yes.

(c) Rationale behind further examination after active sea service is to test the candidate's competence to handle actual problems of operation and maintenance relating to electrical power generation and distribution and application of principles and calculation of naval architecture problems as Engineer in charge of the ship.

(d) According to information available with Director General of Shipping, there is an "alternative training scheme" in U.K. which includes sea service during training. Candidates passing the examination of this scheme are exempted from repeating the same at the end of the regular sea service. However, in DMET course there is no component of sea service and training is given only upto pre-sea standards. Hence the necessity of these examinations at the end of regular sea service..

(e) A suggestion has been made by DMET group 'A' teaching staff association that the DMET passed candidates should not be called upon to give examination in electro-technology and naval architecture after their sea service. This has not been agreed to because of the reasons stated in (c) and (d) above.

(f) Does not apply in view of (e) above.

Port-based wheat terminal

2484. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to develop a port-based wheat terminal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and which port is likely to be developed for the purpose and by when?